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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, GR

SUBJECT: REGIME EXPLOITATION OF FMS AGREEMENT

REF: ATHENS 3478

1. WE MUCH APPRECIATED YOUR "MORE THOUGHTS ON IOANNIDES", PARTICULARLY YOUR ANALYSIS OF HOW HIS OWN STANDING AND PRESTIGE VIS-A-VIS SENIOR MILITARY COMMANDERS IS SIGNIFICANTLY TIED TO REGIME'S ABILITY TO OBTAIN FINANCING FOR MODERNIZATION OF GREEK ARMED FORCES. OBVIOUSLY, HIS STANDING WILL BE ENHANCED IF, ON HEELS OF RECENT FRENCH ARMS DEAL, IT IS MADE TO APPEAR THAT REGIME HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN REACHING A MAJOR CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH U.S.

2. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE FAVORED SEEKING TO PROVIDE GOG

UP TO HAYS CEILING IN FMS CREDITS IN FY 1975 BECAUSE OF OUR ASSESSMENT OF GREECE'S NEED TO MODERNIZE ITS ARMED FORCES, ESPECIALLY ITS AIR FORCE. IN VIEW WAY GOODPASTER INTERVIEW AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WERE DISTORTED BY GREEK

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PRESS, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT REGIME WILL USE GOVERNMENT

CONTROLLED MEDIA TO MAGNIFY AND TWIST TERMS OF AGREEMENT

ON PURCHASE OF A-7'S, C-130'S, AND T-2'S, TO MAKE IT  
APPEAR U.S. IS ENDORSING IOANNIDES PERSONALLY AND HIS  
REGIME.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS NO EFFECTIVE WAY TO  
PREVENT HIM FROM USING ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT FOR  
HIS OWN PURPOSES WITHIN THE ARMY, BUT WE WONDER WHETHER  
IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO TRY TO HEAD OFF ANY CAMPAIGN  
BY GREEK MEDIA. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR  
VIEWS ON INFORMING IOANNIDES VIA AN APPROPRIATE CHANNEL  
THAT WE WOULD LOOK WITH STRONG DISFAVOR ON ANY EFFORT  
BY GOVERNMENT TO EXPLOIT CREDIT AGREEMENT FOR HIS OWN  
"POLITICAL" PURPOSES AND THAT SUCH EFFORT MIGHT WELL  
INDUCE ELEMENTS IN CONGRESS TO PUSH FOR PROHIBITION

ON FMS CREDITS AND OTHER TYPES OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
TO GREECE. SISCO

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